

1 **THE EMBODIMENTS OF THE INVENTION IN WHICH AN EXCLUSIVE PROPERTY**
2 **OR PRIVILEGE IS CLAIMED ARE DEFINED AS FOLLOWS:**

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4 1. A barrier of variable dimensions configured for inhibiting an ingress and egress of insects
5 with respect to an adjacent entrance, the barrier comprising;
6 a substantially planar closed frame including a plurality of interconnecting members for
7 defining an opening, at least some of the members configured for adjustment in length to
8 conform the peripheral dimension of the assembled frame to those of the adjacent entrance;
9 a first member of the plurality of interconnecting members having a base and a pair of
10 tabs extending from the base to provide a female connector;
11 a second member of the plurality of interconnecting members having a pair of flanges
12 providing a male connector configured for being received by the female connector, the pair of
13 flanges for overlapping with the pair of tabs of an adjacent said first member for coupling said
14 first member and the second member to one another;
15 a plurality of respective channel portions attached to at least some of the members, the
16 channel portions configured for providing a continuous channel extending around the closed
17 frame once assembled; and
18 an insect screen configured for attachment to the continuous channel for covering the
19 defined opening of the closed frame.

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21 2. The barrier of claim 1, wherein the overlap of the tabs and the flanges is compressible for
22 providing frictional engagement between an inside surface of the tabs and an outside surface of
23 the flanges, the frictional engagement for inhibiting separation of the first member and the
24 second member once assembled.

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26 3. The barrier of claim 2 further comprising a supplementary fastener for the overlap of the
27 tabs and flanges, the fastener selected from the group comprising mechanical fasteners and an
28 adhesive.

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1 4. The barrier of claim 3, wherein the mechanical fastener is selected from the group
2 comprising; crimping, welding, bolts, rivets, nails, staples, and screws.

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4 5. The barrier of claim 1 further comprising the continuous channel having an entrance
5 facing the interior of the assembled frame, the entrance configured for inhibiting damage to the
6 adjacent screen.

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8 6. The barrier of claim 5, wherein the first member is a corner member and the second
9 member is a side member.

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11 7. The barrier of claim 6, wherein the length of the side member is variable.

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13 8. The barrier of claim 7, wherein the plurality of interconnecting members includes four
14 right angled corner members and at least four side members to provide a four sided frame once
15 assembled.

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17 9. The barrier claim 5 further comprising said channel portion is an extension of one of said
18 tabs.

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20 10. The barrier of claim 5, wherein the second member is a key member for joining two
21 adjacent first members, the key having a male connector on each end.

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23 11. The barrier of claim 5, wherein the second member is a corner member and the first
24 member is a side member.

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26 12. The barrier of claim 11, wherein the male connector is a key member connected to a base
27 of the corner member at one end and having a male connector at the other end.

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29 13 The barrier of claim 10, wherein the key member provides for an abutment of said
30 channel portions on adjacent first members.

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2 14. A kit for providing a barrier of variable dimensions configurable to conform to the

3 peripheral dimension of an adjacent entrance, the barrier comprising;

4 a plurality of substantially planar members configured for interconnection to form a

5 substantially planar closed frame defining an opening, at least some of the members being

6 variable in length;

7 at least one first member of the plurality of members having a base and pair of tabs

8 extending from the base to provide a female connector;

9 at least one second member of the plurality of members having a pair of flanges

10 providing a male connector configured for being received by the female connector, the pair of

11 flanges for interacting with the pair of tabs of an adjacent said first member for coupling the first

12 member and the second member to one another;

13 a plurality of channel portions, each of the channel portions attached to a respective one

14 of the members, the channel portions configured for providing a continuous channel extending

15 around the closed frame once assembled.

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17 15. The kit of claim 14 further comprising an insect screen configured for attachment to the

18 continuous channel for covering the defined opening of the closed frame, wherein the assembled

19 said frame and said screen inhibit an ingress and egress of insects when installed adjacent to the

20 entrance.

21 16. The kit of claim 15, wherein the adjacent opening is a catch basin opening.

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